

# IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

## RETURN

OF

## PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

"THE LAND LAW ACTS;" "THE LABOURERS (IRELAND)  
ACTS, 1883-1891;" AND "THE LAND PURCHASE ACTS,"

DURING THE MONTH OF

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## IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1900.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," up to the 28th day of February, 1900; also of Proceedings up to same date under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883-1891," and under "The Land Purchase Acts."

## COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

## I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) *In Court.*

## FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st January, 1900.			Rents fixed—		
Applications received in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	196,545		By Chief Commission to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	4,668	
	133	196,678	" in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	31	4,694
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	10,567				
Do. in month of Feb., 1900, . . . . .	13	10,570	By Sub-Commissions to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	168,110	
			" in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	237	168,347
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887" to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st Jan., 1900, . . . . .	30,060				
Applications received in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	8	30,068			
Number of Cases under the "Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891," which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents,* to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	1,250		Dismissed—		
" received in Feb., 1900, . . . . .	4	1,254	To 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	9,221	
			In month of February, 1900, . . . . .	57	9,258
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	1,467				
Do. in month of Feb., 1900, . . . . .	1	1,468	Struck out—		
			To 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	36,844	
			In month of February, 1900, . . . . .	76	36,920
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	471				
Do. in month of Feb., 1900, . . . . .	4	475	Withdrawn†—		
			To 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	15,099	
			In month of February, 1900, . . . . .	8	15,107
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	40				
Do. in month of Feb., 1900, . . . . .	—	40			
Total, . . . . .	—	260,583	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	234,326

\* These cases are also included in Redemptions of Rent, Table (ix.), page 5.

† An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

## SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 31st Jan., 1900, . . . . .	51,510	51,825	Rents Fixed— By Chief Commission to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	801	922
Applications received in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	313		" in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	191	
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	3,671	3,702	By Sub-Commissions to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	24,325	25,209
Do. in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	31		" in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	934	
			Disbanded— To 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	594	632
			In month of February, 1900, . . . . .	38	
			Struck out— To 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	5,068	5,398
			In month of February, 1900, . . . . .	260	
			Withdrawn*— To 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	877	915
			In month of February, 1900, . . . . .	38	
Total, . . . . .	—	55,527	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	33,056

\* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be allowed, when applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

## (b.) Out of Court.

## FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 44, fixing Fair Rent to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	129,232
Do., do., in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	249
Total, . . . . .	129,471

## SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	21,775
Do., do., in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	572
Total, . . . . .	22,347

## II—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.). Applications received to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	1,834	1,851	Number disposed of to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	2,681
Applications received in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	17		" in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	15
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	45	43		
Do. in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	—			
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 33) received to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	1,063	1,063		
Applications in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	—			
Total, . . . . .	—	2,957	Total disposed of, . . . . .	2,696

† The first notice of Application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of lease, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1889, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2).—FORM 30.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,*	55	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Jan., 1900,	22	
		" in month of Feb., 1900,	—	22
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1900,	30	
		" in month of Feb., 1900,	—	30
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st Jan., 1900,	3	
		" in month of Feb., 1900,	—	3
Total,	55	Total disposed of,	—	55

\* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 38.

Number of Applications received to 31st Jan., 1900,	19	Applications granted to 31st Jan., 1900,	6	
" in month of Feb., 1900,	—	" in month of Feb., 1900,	—	6
" Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st Jan., 1900,	3	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1900,	11	
" in month of Feb., 1900,	—	" in month of Feb., 1900,	—	11
		Applications withdrawn to 31st Jan., 1900,	3	
		" in month of Feb., 1900,	—	3
Total,	—	Total disposed of,	—	20

V.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1883-1891.

Applications received to 31st Jan., 1900,	4,356	Rents fixed to 31st Jan., 1900,	3,931	
" in February, 1900,	—	" in Feb., 1900,	—	3,931
		Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 31st Jan., 1900,	405	
		" in February, 1900,	—	405
Total,	4,356	Total disposed of,	—	4,336

## VI.—APPEALS TO FAIR RENTS, &amp;c.

## FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged to 31st January, 1900, . . .	49,948	Number heard to 31st January, 1900, . . .	24,946	
" in month of February, 1900, . .	80	" in month of February, 1900, . . .	38	24,984
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1900, . . .	801	
		" in month of February, 1900, . . .	—	801
		Number withdrawn to 31st January, 1900, . . .	21,781	
		" in month of February, 1900, . . .	9	21,790
		Total Number disposed of, . . .	—	47,575
		Remaining to be disposed of, . . .	—	2,453
Total, . . . . .	50,028	Total, . . . . .	—	50,028

## SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged during Second Statutory Term to 31st Jan., 1900, . .	14,189	Number heard to 31st Jan., 1900, . . .	3,977	
" in month of February, 1900, . .	573	" in month of February, 1900, . . .	58	4,035
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1900, . . .	—	
		" in month of February, 1900, . . .	—	—
		Number withdrawn to 31st Jan., 1900, . . .	2,088	
		" in month of February, 1900, . . .	22	2,110
		Total Number disposed of, . . .	—	6,145
		Remaining to be disposed of, . . .	—	8,417
Total, . . . . .	14,562	Total, . . . . .	—	14,562

## VII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885 AND 1888.

	Number.	Amount.
Loans applied for to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	29,179	£ 11,452,066
" in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	—	—
Deduct Applications refused, . . . . .	29,179 3,811	11,452,066 1,459,426
	25,368	9,992,640
Loans sanctioned to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	25,368	9,992,640
Loans sanctioned in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	—	—
	25,368	9,992,640
Loans issued to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	25,367	9,992,515
Loans issued in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	—	—
	25,367	9,992,515

## VIII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1891, 1896.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
Loans applied for to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	28,703	8,663,611		
Less applications since withdrawn, . . . . .	32	9,660		
	28,671	8,653,951		
Loans applied for in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	218	76,865	28,889	8,730,816
Loans applied for (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 31st Jan., 1900, . . . . .	892	230,197		
"    in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	85	24,255		
			887	254,452
Loans applied for (Redemption of Rent Act, 1891), to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	109	106,594		
"    in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	—	—		
			109	106,594
Loans applied for (Section 43, Act, 1896), to 31st Jan., 1900, . . . . .	17	325,355		
"    in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	—	—		
			17	325,355
Loans applied for in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1885), to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	2,835	749,767		
"    in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	—	—		
			2,835	749,767
Total number of Loans applied for to 28th February, 1900, . . . . .	—	—	32,737	10,186,984
Less applications refused to 28th February, 1900, . . . . .	1,052	426,316		
"    "    in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1885), to 28th February, 1900, . . . . .	1,077	802,244		
			2,129	728,569
			30,608	9,458,414
Loans sanctioned to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	22,786	6,873,131		
"    in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	455	138,231		
			23,241	7,111,362
Loans sanctioned (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 31st Jan., 1900, . . . . .	892	230,197		
"    in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	85	24,255		
			887	254,452
Loans sanctioned (Redemption of Rent Act, 1891), to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	109	106,594		
"    in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	—	—		
			109	106,594
Loans sanctioned (Section 43, Act, 1896), to 31st Jan., 1900, . . . . .	17	325,355		
"    in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	—	—		
			17	325,355
Loans sanctioned in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1885), to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	1,758	447,523		
"    in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	—	—		
			1,758	447,523
Total number of Loans sanctioned to 28th February, 1900, . . . . .	—	—	29,012	8,245,976
Less applications rescinded to 28th February, 1900, . . . . .	—	—	95	21,373
			25,917	8,223,603
Loans issued to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	18,374	5,784,729		
"    in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	219	79,521		
			18,593	5,864,250
"    (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 31st Jan., 1900, . . . . .	892	230,197		
"    in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	85	24,255		
			887	254,452
"    (Redemption of Rent Act, 1891), to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	84	82,649		
"    in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	—	—		
			84	82,649
"    (Section 43, Act, 1896), to 31st Jan., 1900, . . . . .	17	325,355		
"    in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	—	—		
			17	325,355
"    in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1885), to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	1,758	447,523		
"    in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	—	—		
			1,758	447,523
			21,339	6,963,229

## IX.—REDEMPTION OF RENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1891.

Applications received to 31st Jan., 1900, . . . . .	1,455	Number of cases in which Consents to Redemption of Rents have been received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	149	
"    in February, 1900, . . . . .	3	Number received in February, 1900, . . . . .	—	149
		Number of cases in which no Consents were received and which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents* to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	1,280	
		Number of cases in which time had expired for receiving consents in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	—	1,280
		Number of cases in which applications have been received but where time for lodgment of consents has not expired, . . . . .	—	1,449
Total, . . . . .	1,458	Total, . . . . .	—	1,458

\* Applications treated as Fair Rent cases are also included in Fair Rent Table (a), page 2.

## CIVIL BILL COURTS.

## MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1900.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 28th day of February, 1900.

## I. FAIR RENT.

## (a) In Court.

## FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	33,387		Rents fixed to 31st Jan., 1900, . . . . .	18,944	
Applications received in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	40		"    in month of Feb., 1900, . . . . .	27	
		33,327	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1900, . . . . .	4,099	18,371
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	4,579		"    in month of Feb., 1900, . . . . .	—	4,099
Applications received in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	2		Applications withdrawn* to 31st Jan., 1900, . . . . .	503	
		4,381	"    in month of Feb., 1900, . . . . .	—	503
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 2 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending, to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	3,564		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Jan., 1900, . . . . .	12,024	
Applications received in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	—		"    in month of Feb., 1900, . . . . .	14	12,038
		2,563	Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	40	
Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	115		"    in month of Feb., 1900, . . . . .	—	40
Applications received in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	4				
		119			
Total, . . . . .	—	38,383	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	34,951

\* An Application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications to withdraw are made, that a settlement has been agreed upon between the parties.



## SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	4,596	Rents fixed to 31st Jan., 1900, . . . . .	1,861	1,865
		" in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	4	
Applications received in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	88	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1900, . . . . .	219	219
		" in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	—	
		Applications withdrawn* to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	84	84
		" in month of Feb., 1900, . . . . .	—	
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission, to 31st Jan., 1900, in month of Feb., 1900, . . . . .	3,671	3,702
		" in month of Feb., 1900, . . . . .	31	
Total, . . . . .	4,684	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	3,870

\* An Application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be altered, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

## (b.) Out of Court.

## FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 44, fixing Fair Rent to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	7,323
Do., do. in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	—
Total, . . . . .	7,323

## SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term, received to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	125
Do., do. in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	1
Total, . . . . .	126

## II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.\*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	641	642	Number disposed of to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	352	352
Applications received in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	1		" in month of Feb., 1900, . . . . .	—	
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 33) received to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	3	3	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Jan., 1900, . . . . .	42	42
Applications received in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	—		Transferred in month of Feb., 1900, . . . . .	—	
Total, . . . . .	—	645	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	394

\* The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of lease, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2).—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,† . . . . .	6	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Jan., 1900, . . . . .	—	
		" in month of Feb., 1900, . . . . .	—	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1900, . . . . .	6	
		" in month of Feb., 1900, . . . . .	—	6
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	—	
		" in month of Feb., 1900, . . . . .	—	
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	—	
		" in month of Feb., 1900, . . . . .	—	
Total, . . . . .	6	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	6

† The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887"—FORM 38.

Number of Applications received to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	23	Applications granted to 31st Jan., 1900, . . . . .	3	
" in month of February, 1900, . . . . .	—	" in month of Feb., 1900, . . . . .	—	3
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1900, . . . . .	4	
		" in month of Feb., 1900, . . . . .	—	4
		Applications withdrawn to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	1	
		" in month of Feb., 1900, . . . . .	—	1
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st January, 1900, . . . . .	3	
		" in month of Feb., 1900, . . . . .	—	3
Total, . . . . .	23	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	11

IRISH LAND COMMISSION,  
30th April, 1900.

JOHN H FRANKS.